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SUBJECT: IAEA PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1978 - INSTRUCTIONS
FOR A & B COMMITTEE MEETING

REFS: (A) IAEA V. 2746 (B) IAEA V. 2807 (C) IAEA V.2913
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1. USDEL AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT FULL AMOUNT OF IAEA PROPOSED
BUDGET FOR 1978. DEPT BELIEVES THAT WITH INFLATION AND
FLUCTUATION OF THE DOLLAR VIS A VIS THE SCHILLING THAT THE
INCREASE IS NOT AS LARGE AS IT WOULD SEEM. FURTHERMORE, A
SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THIS INCREASE WILL BE USED FOR THE
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DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS, A COMPONENT OF THE IAEA PROGRAM
TO WHICH THE DEPT ATTACHES THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. WE
STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN STAFFING IN THE
SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT.

2. DEL AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT \$500,000 INCREASE IN TARGET
FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO \$6.5 MILLION AND, IF NECES-

SARY, AS LAST RESORT TO PRESERVE CONSENSUS MAY INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION TO \$7 MILLION TARGET. DEL SHOULD REQUEST, AS PROPOSED REF C, REPORT FROM DG ON PROBLEM OF UNOBLIGATED BALANCES IN OPERATING FUND II, WHICH WE ASSUME CONSISTS LARGELY OF NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES.

3. DEPT AGREES DG'S PROPOSAL TO RECLASSIFY THREE P-5 POSTS TO D-1 LEVEL IS NOT REPEAT NOT GOOD MANAGEMENT PRACTICE, AND DEL SHOULD ACTIVELY OPPOSE THIS. AS MISSION OBSERVED IN REF A, THIS SCHEME WOULD LEAVE DG OPEN TO CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO REWARD OTHER DESERVING INDIVIDUALS IN LIKE MANNER. LIKewise, DEPT OPPOSES ANY PRACTICE OF ESTABLISHING NEW P-6 LEVEL POSTS PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS WOULD NOT CONFORM TO UN COMMON SYSTEM. DEPT UNAWARE OF WHICH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ADOPTED THE P-6 LEVEL, AND WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION WHICH MISSION MAY LEARN. DEPT AGREES WITH MISSION SUGGESTION THAT APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION TO DESERVING AGENCY STAFF MIGHT BE GIVEN THROUGH AGENCY'S AWARD PROGRAM.

4. DEL IS AUTHORIZED TO PROPOSE ONE ADDITIONAL P-4 OR P-3 POST IN DIVISION OF BUDGET AND FINANCE, AS MISSION RECOMMENDED REF E.

5. WITH REGARD TO ANNEX 1, DEL SHOULD SUGGEST DELETION SYMPOSIUM ON FUEL ELEMENT CLADDING SINCE WORK THIS AREA LARGELY IN COMMERCIAL SECTOR. ALSO SUGGEST AGENCY CONSIDER DESIRABILITY 1978 MEETINGS ON SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT.
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6. RE PARA K-9, US IS SUPPORTING SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM WITH MORE THAN \$600,000 DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO IAEA IN 1977 PLUS ABOUT 2 MILLION DOLLARS BEING EXPENDED IN US PROGRAMS. US PLANS CONTINUE THIS ASSISTANCE AT ABOUT SAME LEVEL IN 1978.

7. DEPT CONCURS IN OTHER PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS MADE IN REF A.
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